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AND UNIVERSITY CLOSING

REF: KHARTOUM 2094

BEGIN SUMMARY. PRESIDENT NIMEIRI SEPTEMBER 8 GAVE 70 MINUTE ADDRESS BEFORE LARGE RELATIVELY QUIET CROWD IN FRONT OF PALACE. NIMEIRI LAID BLAME FOR SEPTEMBER 5 COUP ATTEMPT TO THE NATIONAL FRONT AND IMPLICATED BY NAME SEVERAL FORMER POLITICIANS. SECONDLY, NIMEIRI ADDRESSED HIMSELF TO QADHAFI, HINTING BROADLY THAT LIBYA BEARS MEASURE OF RESPONSIBILITY BY VIRTUE OF HARBORING ENEMIES OF SUDAN AND PERHAPS BY HAVING FINANCED COUP CONSPIRATORS. FINALLY, NIMEIRI REVEALED THAT WEAPONS, FOREIGN CURRENCY AND NATIONAL FRONT LEAFLETS HAD BEEN FOUND AT KHARTOUM UNIVERSITY, WHICH IS BEING CLOSED DOWN UNTIL IT CAN BE REOPENED AT A LATER DATE UNDER THE BANNER OF THE SSU. NIMEIRI SAID THAT SECURITY FORCES WOULD HAVE LICENSE TO SEEK OUT TREASONOUS ACTIVITY THROUGHOUT THE

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COUNTRY AND ANNOUNCED THAT A NEW LAW OR CONSTITUTIONAL

AMENDMENT WILL BE PUT INTO EFFECT TO "SECURE THE REVOLUTION."
END SUMMARY.

1. NIMEIRI SAID THAT THE NATIONAL FRONT WAS BEHIND THE CONSPIRACY. HE ATTACKED THE "OLD POLITICAL PARTIES" AND SEVERAL INDIVIDUALS BY NAME. HE SAID THAT AHMED ZEIN AL EDDIN AND ABDEL MAJIB ABUL HASSABO (SEE PARA 5 KHARTOUM 2094) HAD BEEN CONTACTED BY MILITARY PLANNERS OF COUP ATTEMPT AND THAT AL EDDIN WAS SCHEDULED TO ANNOUNCE THE COUP AND HIS OWN SUCCESSION AS PRIME MINISTER. NIMEIRI SAID CONSPIRATORS WERE ALSO IN TOUCH WITH ABU BAKR AWAD (TV ANNOUNCER). NIMEIRI ALSO MENTIONED NAME OF PHILLIP ABBAS GHABOUSH (FORMER PRO-UMMA MP), WHOM HE IDENTIFIED AS "AN ISRAELI AGENT" WHO TRAVELS BETWEEN TEL AVIV AND ROME CONTACTING NATIONAL FRONT LEADERS AND OTHERS WHO OPPOSE THE ADDIS ACCORDS THAT ENDED THE SUDANESE CIVIL WAR.

2. NIMEIRI SAID THAT HE HAD KNOWN IN ADVANCE OF THE COUP ATTEMPT. HE SAID THAT FEWER THAN 70 MILITARY PERSONS WERE INVOLVED BUT THAT THEY DISTRIBUTED ARMS TO SYMPATHIZERS OF THE OLD PARTIES AND ALSO FREED POLITICAL PRISONERS. HE SAID THE COUP ATTEMPT WAS NOT AN ISOLATED EVENT: IT WAS RELATED TO THE AUGUST 1973 UPRISINGS AT KHARTOUM UNIVERSITY INSTIGATED BY MUSLIM BROTHERS AND NATIONAL FRONT, AS WELL AS TO THE DISTRIBUTION OF ANTI-REGIME LEAFLETS PRIOR TO PRESIDENT SADAT'S VISIT TO KHARTOUM (SEE PARA 4 KHARTOUM 1840) AND PRIOR TO NIMEIRI'S MORE RECENT VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA. NIMEIRI SAID THAT HE WOULD NOT SPEAK ABOUT COUP LEADER HASSAN HUSSEIN OSMAN SINCE HE IS THE SUBJECT OF JUDICIAL PROCESS, BUT HE ADDED THAT OSMAN HAD BEEN THE ONLY OFFICER IN HIS CLASS TO BE RECENTLY PASSED OVER FOR PROMOTION.

3. SAYING THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO DIRECT A SPECIAL MESSAGE TO COL. QADHAFI, NIMEIRI NOTED THAT TRIPOLI IS RECEIVING AS GUESTS PERSONS WHO WILL BE PROVED TO HAVE BEEN AMONG THE COUP PLOTTERS: AL SHARIF HUSSEIN AL HINDI (FORMER NUP LEADER), BABIKER KARRAR (MUSLIM BROTHER LEADER) AND OMER NUR AL DAYEN (FORMER UMMA MINISTER). NIMEIRI SAID THAT LIBYA IS ALSO OPEN TO SADDIQ AL-MAHDI (UMMA LEADER), WHO IS THUS AFFORDED UNCLASSIFIED

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THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONTACT IZZ EDDIN ALI AMIR (FORMER COMMUNIST MP). NIMEIRI SAID THAT THESE PEOPLE SHOULD BE EXPELLED FROM LIBYA ONCE THE PROOF OF THEIR COMPLICITY IN THE COUP ATTEMPT IS IN. STILL ADDRESSING QADHAFI, NIMEIRI SUGGESTED THAT THERE SHOULD BE AN INQUIRY INTO THE SOURCE OF MONEY FOUND ON THE SOLDIERS PARTICIPATING IN THE COUP ATTEMPT. FINALLY, NIMEIRI SAID THAT QADHAFI WOULD NOT ACCEPT THE USE OF KHARTOUM AS

A HEADQUARTERS FOR ATTACK ON LIBYA.

4. NIMEIRI SAID THAT SECURITY FORCES ON SEPTEMBER 7 HAD FOUND A LARGE QUANTITY OF WEAPONS, FOREIGN CURRENCY, NATIONAL FRONT LEAFLETS, AND SOME FUGITIVES AT KHARTOUM UNIVERSITY. HE SAID THAT THE UNIVERSITY HAD BECOME "A DEN FOR FUGITIVES AND TRAITORS" AND THAT SECURITY FORCES WILL FOR THE NEXT TWO MONTHS HAVE THE RIGHT TO SEARCH THE UNIVERSITY. NIMEIRI ANNOUNCED THE CLOSING OF THE UNIVERSITY AND SAID THAT IT WOULD BE OPENED AT A LATER DATE "UNDER THE BANNER OF THE SUDANESE SOCIALIST UNION (SSU)".

5. NIMEIRI SAID THAT THE SECURITY FORCES WOULD BE AUTHORIZED HENCEFORTH TO SEARCH "EVERY PLACE AND CORNER IN THE COUNTRY" IN AN EFFORT TO FERRET OUT TREASONOUS ACTIVITY. WITHOUT ELABORATING, HE SAID THAT A NEW LAW OR CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT WILL BE PROMULGATED IN ORDER TO "SECURE THE REVOLUTION".

6. COMMENT. ASSUME ENTIRE TEXT WILL BE CARRIED BY FBIS. WE NOTE THAT TV ANNOUNCER ABU BAKR AWAD WAS UNTIL APPROXIMATELY A YEAR AGO A STRINGER FOR THE VOA. BERLIND

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